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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Applicant: Butcher  
Serial No.: 09/489,324  
Filed: January 21, 2000  
Title: Range Optimization Algorithm

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

On July 17, 2003

an Office Action was issued in the above-entitled case, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response.  
 a Notice of Appeal was filed.

Enclosed herewith is:  
 a response to the outstanding Office Action.  
 an Appeal Brief.  
 a Request for Continued Examination of the above-referenced application.

This is a petition for a two (2) month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The required fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2179, and a triplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes. The fee is believed to be

\$ 420.00 per 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)  
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Respectfully submitted,



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